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Reply to Office Action of November 29, 2006



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:

ZELLWEGER

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For: **SHUT-OFF DEVICE, ESPECIALLY AN EXPLOSION PROTECTION VALVE**

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of November 29, 2006. The three month shortened statutory period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire February 28, 2007.

Entry of this Response and Amendment is respectfully requested since it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and does not raise any new issues that require further consideration and/or search.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.